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1. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED RECENT PRESS REPORTS OF THE COMPLETION OF CONNECTION OF GREEK ELECTRIC POWER GRID WITH ALBANIAN PRODUCTION FACILITIES.

2. PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION (PPC) OFFICIAL INDICATES THAT INITIALLY IT WILL BE A ONE-WAY, 20 MEGAWATT OPERATION, INVOLVING THE SALE OF LIMITED QUANTITIES OF ELECTRICITY TO GREECE ON THE BASIS OF THE BILATERAL CLEARING ACCOUNT TRADE AGREEMENT. IN THE FUTURE IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE HOOK-UP WILL OPERATE BOTH WAYS.

3. THIS IS SECOND POWER INTERCONNECTION ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN GREECE AND ITS COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS. THE INTER-CONNECTION WITH YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH HAS BEEN USED MAINLY FOR EMERGENCY SUPPLY, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1960. A NEW
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400 KV INTERCONNECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR OPERATION IN

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1976 WITH 300 MW CAPACITY. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY SYSTEM
CAPABLE OF 500 MW CAPACITY FROM YUGOSLAVIA TO GREECE OR
700 MW CAPACITY TO YOUGOSLAVIA FROM GREECE.

4. ONE SIGNIFICANT FEATURE OF THE YUGOSLAV INTERCONNECTION
LIES IN THE FACT THAT THROUGH THE YUGOSLAV GRID GREECE
CAN ACHIEVE ACCESS TO WESTERN EUROPEAN SUPPLY. GREECE HAS
REPORTEDLY APPROACHED BOTH TURKEY AND BULGARIA REGARDING
SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS, BUT WITHOUT ELICITING ANY STRONG
INTEREST.
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